

5 charged in bank heists - 'AK-47 gang' robbery suspects were caught after one shot at police officers.

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DETROIT -- A trail of blood, keys by the door, and a 45-caliber revolver dumped **in** a trash bin led police to the **five** persons **charged** with **bank** robbery, and a man suspected **in** the wounding of a Detroit police officer this week.

Police Chief Ella Bully-Cummings and Special Agent Andrew Arena, **in** charge of the Michigan FBI, Friday announced the charges against the group that federal agents call the AK-47 gang.

The **five** were caught after suspect Andre Jones exchanged gunfire with two Detroit officers Tuesday morning on the Southfield Freeway service drive, before fleeing to his nearby home, where he was arrested.

"The actions of those two police officers saved the lives of innocent civilians," Arena said.

He said Jones, 27, of Detroit was wearing body armor and the FBI believes he was preparing for another **bank** robbery when he fired on Officers David Garcia and George O'Gorman on Tuesday morning.

Bully-Cummings said police obtained warrants charging Jones with a slew of offenses including assault with intent to commit murder, assaulting a police officer causing serious impairment, resisting and obstructing a police officer, and wearing body armor during the commission of a violent crime. The charges carry prison terms ranging up to life **in** prison.

Jones, who is recovering from gunshot wounds, also faces federal **bank** robbery and weapons charges.

His wife, Sparkle Jones, 23, also was arrested. Evidence found at the home led police to an adjacent house Jones rented, and eventually to a home on Burlingame and alleged accomplices Jawan Martin, 27; Terez Deon Rivers, 31; Frederick Samuel Humes Jr., 29.

All are **charged** with **bank** robbery and federal weapons violations.

Arena said Jones and Martin entered the **banks** and staged the robberies; the others stole and drove getaway cars. Police recovered two AK-47 assault rifles, a 9 mm rifle, a shotgun, a derringer, body armor, a notebook with sketches of **banks**, and clothing and vehicles that matched those used by the robbers **in** six Metro Detroit **bank** stickups and one **in** Toledo.

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